

THE 'REBELS' CRUSH LIFELESS WANDERERS

Wycombe lack spirit and determination

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Slough Town 5

SLOUGH TOWN, so aptly nicknamed the "Rebels", tore the heart out of a dismal Wycombe Wanderers side in this Floodlight League Cup encounter on Monday evening.

It must have been a bitter pill for Wycombe fans to swallow, to see Slough win at Loakes Park by such a convincing margin. For a long time Wanderers have been regarded as the leading team in Bucks, but they were well and truly knocked off their perch by a superior side, currently riding high in amateur football circles.

The damage to Wanderers' pride might have been increased had not the referee disallowed four of Slough's efforts which flashed past Bunting.

Manager-coach Barry Darvill was forced to make two changes from the side that lost at Sutton. Len Worley is serving a 14-day suspension, after being sent-off in the match against Walthamstow Avenue, Viv Busby deputised. John Maskell was unavailable which allowed Colin Bunting his first opportunity of appearing in the senior side this season.

It was quite noticeable that the Athenian League team were much faster played with determination and went into tackles intent on winning the ball. All these aspects of play were sadly missing from the Wycombe side.

SHAKY DEFENCE

It took Slough only eight minutes in which to establish a lead. Kelman fired a ball through the middle of the Wanderers' so shaky defence. Rundle and Gale both failed to cut the pass off and Mullan, moving through, was left with the simple task of firing past Bunting.

The conditions were far from congenial for playing good football with heavy rain and a swirling mist making it a most unpleasant night. But Slough were able to keep their feet on the slippery surface and moved as a unit.

They increased their lead in the 31st minute. Reardon chased forward for a pass and Bunting did well to rush out and smother the ball. However, Slough quickly pounced on the rebound, and with two home defenders standing still Mullan shot home.

Just before the break Wycombe were unfortunate not to reduce the arrears when from Holmes' low cross, Horseman saw his deft flick brilliantly saved by Reynolds.

After the interval Loakes Park was treated to a four-goal burst in 12 minutes — unfortunately three of these were conceded by Wycombe.

Slough went further ahead when Delaney headed home a Reardon corner — seemingly out of Bunting's hands. Incidentally, this was the 'Rebels' 100th goal of the season.

In the 52nd minute the Wanderers supporters had something to cheer about as Beck lobbed forward, over the Slough offside trap, to Samuels, who chipped the ball past the advancing Reynolds.

Three minutes later Rundle tried a suicidal back-pass and Stevens pounced on the opportunity to dribble round Bunting. In the 57th minute Reardon completed the scoring when his well flighted corner went in via the right hand post.

Wycombe Wanderers: C. Bunting; J. Beck, P. Eyres; B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale; V. Busby, K. Samuels, L. Merrick, A. Horseman, S. Holmes.
Slough Town: C. Reynolds; P. Kelman, J. Wilks; R. Hatt, J. Delaney, M. Scott; R. Stevens, L. Hartridge, C. Mullan, T. Reardon, P. Wright.